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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PCAT, FR

SUBJECT: FRENCH REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN BILATERAL CAT  
DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 080852

1. AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE INFORMED GELB THAT FRENCH  
DID NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN BILATERAL  
"EXPERTS" LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS  
TRANSFER RESTRAINT AT THIS TIME. DE LABOULAYE INDICATED  
THAT FRENCH PREFERRED NOT TO MEET WITH US UNTIL THERE  
WAS FURTHER PROGRESS IN U.S.-SOVIET DIALOGUE. HE  
EXPRESSED FRENCH INTEREST IN DEBRIEF ON TALKS WITH  
THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS THOSE WITH THE UK AND FRG.  
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2. COMMENT: FRENCH REFUSAL DISAPPOINTING BUT NOT  
SURPRISING GIVEN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS LINKING PARTICIPATION  
TO FIRMER EVIDENCE OF SOVIET COOPERATION. FRENCH AWARE  
THAT U.S. WILL HOLD SECOND MEETING WITH SOVIETS ON  
CAT IN MAY, BUT CLEARLY DO NOT REGARD SOVIET WILLINGNESS  
TO MEET IN AND OF ITSELF AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF

PROGRESS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FRENCH DECISION ALSO  
BASED ON ADDITIONAL UNSTATED CONCERNS.

3. UK AND FRG EMBASSIES INFORMED OF FRENCH DECISION.

4. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY PARIS CANCEL ANY HOTEL  
RESERVATIONS MADE IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. COOPER

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